

# MA Political Science 2025 – Recommended plan of study

(according to curriculum)

## § 5 Programme content and schedule of study

The following contains a list of modules and courses in the Master's programme in Political Science. The attribution to semesters serves as a recommendation designed to ensure that the order in which the courses are taken is optimally built on previous knowledge and that the workload of 60 ECTS credit points within an academic year is not exceeded. However, modules and courses can be taken in a different order if there are no preconditions according to § 11.

Detailed descriptions of the modules including the knowledge, methods, and skills to be imparted can be found in Annex I: Description of modules.

Master's degree programme Political Science								
Module	Course	SHours	Type	ECTS	Semester with ECTS			
					I	II	III	IV
(1) Elective modules (2 out of 3)								
Students must select 2 out of the modules 1 to 3.								
Module 1: Comparative Politics								
Proseminar Foundational Texts		2	PS	6	6			
Seminar I		2	SE	6	6			
Seminar II		2	SE	6		6		
Subtotal module 1		6		18	12	6		
Module 2: Multilevel Politics – Austria and Europe								
Proseminar Foundational Texts		2	PS	6	6			
Seminar I		2	SE	6	6			
Seminar II		2	SE	6		6		
Subtotal module 2		6		18	12	6		
Module 3: International Relations								
Proseminar Foundational Texts		2	PS	6	6			
Seminar I		2	SE	6	6			
Seminar II		2	SE	6		6		
Subtotal module 3		6		18	12	6		
Total elective modules		12		36	24	12		

Module	Course	SHours	Type	ECTS	Semester with ECTS			
					I	II	III	IV
(2) Compulsory modules								
Module 4: Advanced thematic courses in Political Science								
Seminar I		2	SE	6			6	
Seminar II		2	SE	6			6	
Subtotal module 4		4		12			12	
Module 5: Methods in Political Science								
Methods in Political Science I		2	UV	6	6			
Methods in Political Science II		2	UV	6		6		
Subtotal module 5		4		12	6	6		
Module 6: Professional skills								
Students must select 2 out of the following 4 courses.								
Advanced Methods: Course I		2	SE	6		6		
Advanced Methods: Course II		2	SE	6		6		
Applied Course		2	SE	6		6		
Academic Writing		2	SE	6		6		
Subtotal module 6		4		12		12		
Module 7: Transdisciplinary module for socio-ecological crises								
Courses to be freely selected from the course catalogue regarding topics relating to socio-ecological crises				6			6	
Subtotal module 7				6			6	
Module 8: Master's seminar and Master's thesis								
Master's seminar		2	SE	6			6	
Master's thesis				24				24
Subtotal module 8		2		30			6	24
Total compulsory modules				48	6	18	24	24
(3) Free elective courses							6	
(4) Master's exam								6
Total sum								
				120	30	30	30	30